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SOURCE

1. Because HV-Funk of the East German Ministry for Post and Telecommunica-
tions has exhausted all other possible methods of procuring copper and
nickel for radio and telecommunications production, First Deputy HV
Director Walter Zander has been made liaison man with the SCC. Zander,
a member of the Free Germany Committee in Moscow during the war, deals
with Slussarev (fnu), a Russian. The latter has the assignment of
testing and supervising production of nonferrous metals in East Germany,
especially at SAG-Marten, Hottstedt. Slussarev is also the chief liaison
officer to HV-Funk. He promised Zander that he was willing to look into
the supply of nonferrous metals.
2. Zander also attempted to contact the deputy chief of USIG, Krutko, but had
been unsuccessful as of 23 April 1953.
3. It has been mentioned unofficially in the Central Committee of the SED that
a special ministry or independent state secretariat
for radio affairs is planned. State Secretary Schroeder (fnu) is reportedly
against this move on the grounds that it would not be staffed with
qualified technical personnel. Related to this is the problem of plants
working on radio equipment which are under the direction of the Ministry
for General Machine Construction. It is thought, however, that it would be
very difficult to put these factories, such as the RFT complex, under
the new organ, since they overlap in matters of production and raw material
procurement.
4. Further progress has not been made in the procurement of thoriated tungsten
wire.^{1/} Zeuner (fnu) has been directed to give Minitec^{2/} GmbH a price
quotation. If Zeuner proves unable to deliver the desired wire, an
attempt will be made to procure substitute tubes from the firm of Tele-
funken.

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2/ Comment. Minitec should probably be Meletex, the SED illegal East-
West trade complex.

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